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either Hongkong or Yokohama by medical officers of the Marine-Hospital Service, and to direct that you issue the necessary instructions to the end that the masters of the United States transports, when touching at either of the ports mentioned, shall permit the inspection by the medical officers of the Marine-Hospital Service and secure from them a supplemental bill of health as described.

Very respectfully,

H. O. S. HEISTAND,  
*Assistant Adjutant-General.*

The COMMANDING GENERAL,

*Department of the Pacific and Eighth Army Corps, Manila, Philippine Islands.*

*Immigrants to Cuba to be inspected by the Marine-Hospital Service.*

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

*Washington, September 2, 1899.*

SIR: I respectfully invite your attention to War Department Circular No. 13, Division of Customs and Insular Affairs, dated April 14, 1899, declaring that the laws and regulations governing immigration to the United States are to be in effect in the territory under government by the military forces of the United States, and directing collectors of customs to enforce said laws and regulations until the establishment of immigration stations in the said territory. Also, to the immigration regulations for the Island of Cuba, issued by the War Department June 6, 1899. I would further invite your attention to the immigration laws and regulations of the United States, dated April 25, 1893, in which under section 8, it is prescribed that the medical examination of alien immigrants shall be made by surgeons of the Marine-Hospital Service; this section being amended by act approved March 3, 1893, to read:

“That the medical examination of arriving immigrants \* \* \* may be made by any regular medical officers of such Marine-Hospital Service detailed therefor by the Secretary of the Treasury, and civil surgeons shall only be employed temporarily from time to time for specific emergencies.”

The immigration regulations for the Island of Cuba before referred to do not prescribe any examination for alien immigrants. A considerable proportion of the immigration to Cuba is from Spain. Spain having very close commercial relations with Portugal where bubonic plague exists at the present time, it is of particular importance that all immigrants arriving in Cuba be subjected to a thorough medical examination. Officers of the Marine-Hospital Service are stationed at all of the important ports in Cuba and are available for this duty.

I have, therefore, to request that if not in conflict with existing regulations, or orders from your Department, this work be assigned to the Medical Officers of the Marine-Hospital Service.

Respectfully yours,

L. J. GAGE,  
*Secretary.*

The honorable the SECRETARY OF WAR.

WAR DEPARTMENT,

*Washington, September 7, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2d instant, asking that the duty of making a thorough medical inspection of immigrants from Spain arriving in Cuba be assigned to the medical officers of the Marine-Hospital Service stationed there.

Maj. Gen. John R. Brooke, Governor-General of Cuba, has been this day directed to comply with your request.

Very respectfully,

ELIHU ROOT,  
*Secretary of War.*

The honorable the SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.